



# ***AEP's grid SMART Initiative***

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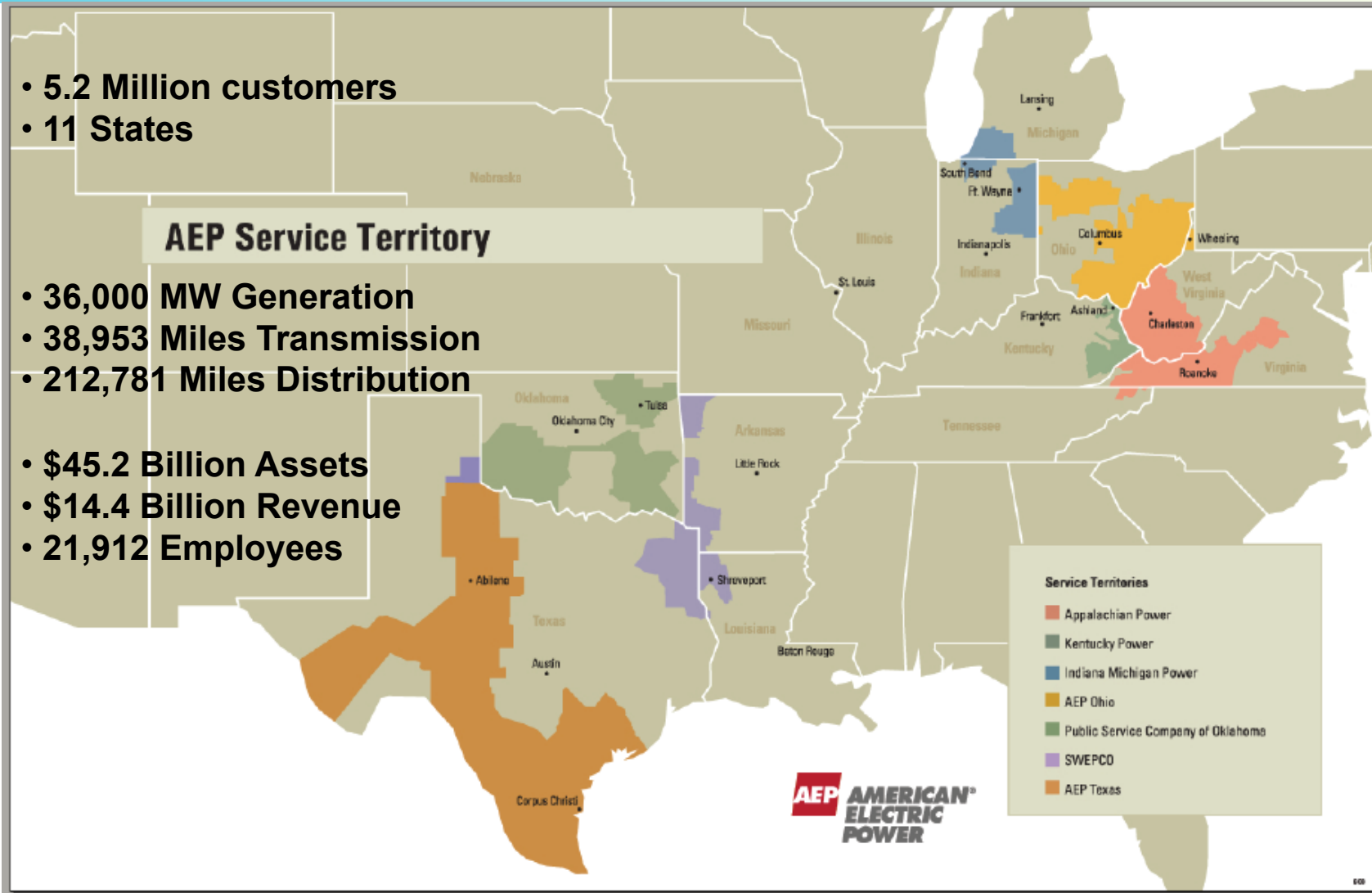
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# AEP Overview






- 5.2 Million customers
- 11 States

## AEP Service Territory

- 36,000 MW Generation
- 38,953 Miles Transmission
- 212,781 Miles Distribution
- \$45.2 Billion Assets
- \$14.4 Billion Revenue
- 21,912 Employees



# AEP gridSMART Vision

Generation	Transmission	Distribution		Customers
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Projects</li> <li>• Wind</li> <li>• IGCC</li> <li>• Carbon Capture &amp; Storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-765™</li> <li>• Electric Transmission Texas JV</li> <li>• Electric Transmission America JV</li> <li>• AEP-ABB Alliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Metering Infrastructure</li> <li>• “Smart Meters”</li> <li>• Home Area Networks</li> <li>• Demand Response architecture</li> <li>• Distribution Grid Management</li> <li>• Self-healing distribution circuits</li> <li>• Internal energy efficiency</li> <li>• Platform for advanced visualization &amp; analytics</li> <li>• Distributed generation and energy storage</li> <li>• AEP-GE Alliance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer programs and incentives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy efficiency</li> <li>• Direct load control</li> <li>• Peak demand reduction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Energy storage</li> <li>• Energy Information Portal</li> <li>• Pre-paid Metering</li> <li>• Distributed Generation</li> </ul>
Existing generation and transmission control systems		<b>gridSMART<sup>SM</sup></b> : bridging the gap to provide integrated two-way communications & control across the electricity value chain		Home energy automation

# AEP gridSMART Deployment Status

## Indiana Michigan Power (AEP) – BEING IMPLEMENTED

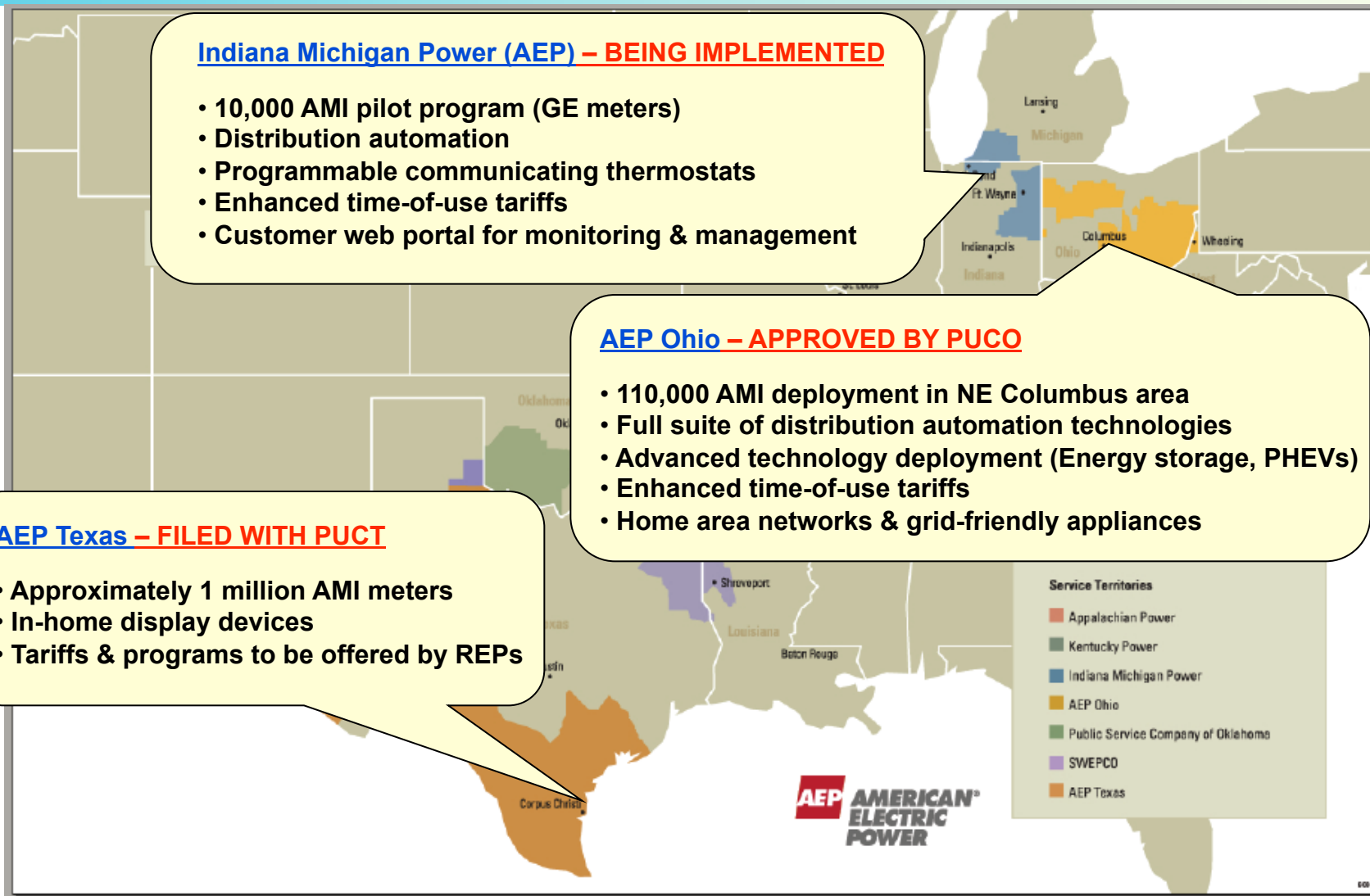
- 10,000 AMI pilot program (GE meters)
- Distribution automation
- Programmable communicating thermostats
- Enhanced time-of-use tariffs
- Customer web portal for monitoring & management

## AEP Ohio – APPROVED BY PUCO

- 110,000 AMI deployment in NE Columbus area
- Full suite of distribution automation technologies
- Advanced technology deployment (Energy storage, PHEVs)
- Enhanced time-of-use tariffs
- Home area networks & grid-friendly appliances

## AEP Texas – FILED WITH PUCT

- Approximately 1 million AMI meters
- In-home display devices
- Tariffs & programs to be offered by REPs



# AEP's gridSMART Advanced Technologies

## Distributed Renewable Generation

- 70 KW photovoltaic panels installed on roofs of AEP Service Centers in Newark, OH and Athens, OH [70 KW X 2 = 140KW]
- R&D project comparing traditional PV to concentrated PV at AEP's Dolan Engineering lab (Groveport, OH)



## PHEVs

- 2 Prius converted to PHEV
- Ford Escape SUV converted to PHEV (EPRI collaborative)
- Field testing to monitor performance

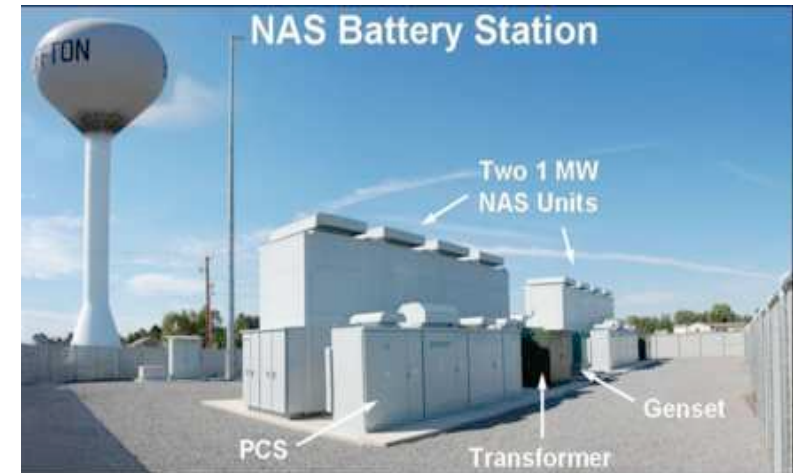




# AEP's gridSMART Advanced Technologies

## Substation Scale Battery

- **2006:** 1 MW, 7.2 MWh; Deferred substation upgrade in Charleston, WV
- **2008:** Three installations; 2 MW, 14.4 MWh each; With “islanding” in Bluffton, OH; Balls Gap, WV; East Busco, IN
- **2010:** 4MW, 25MWh; To be installed in Presidio, TX



## Community Energy Storage

- Small distributed energy storage units connected to the secondary of transformers serving a few houses or commercial loads.
- Pursuing development & deployment:
  - Part of ARRA/Stimulus demonstration grant
  - Proposed to Public Service Commission



# Smart Grid: The Benefits

- **Operational Improvements**
  - Reduced costs
  - Reliability improvements
  - Targeted investment
  - Improved safety
- **Energy Market Impacts**
  - Smart grids enable demand response – providing demand elasticity
  - Demand elasticity lowers market clearing price
  - Impacts are large due to steep supply cost curve at times of critical pricing
  - Traditionally, demand is relatively static
- **Environmental Impacts**
  - A smart grid can deliver carbon savings
    - End-use conservation/efficiency; Minimize losses & resistive loads by optimizing distribution voltage; etc.
  - A smart grid can enable more, lower cost carbon savings
    - PHEVs; Support distributed renewable generation; Support intermittent renewables by regulating voltage fluctuations; Efficiently measuring & verifying EE effects; etc.

# Smart Grid: The Challenges

- **Regulatory Scrutiny**
  - Tolerance for level of rate increases (fuel increases, environmental compliance, etc.)
  - Difficult economic environment
  - Dependence societal benefits & externalities
- **Codes & Standards**
  - Developing technology area
  - Lack of clarity regarding standards bodies & regulatory organization roles
  - Geographically-distributed nature of investment
- **Current Credit Conundrum**
  - Utility sector extremely capital intensive
  - Recent reductions in credit ratings
  - Current availability & cost of capital



# Smart Grid: The Solutions

- **Regulatory Scrutiny**
  - Continue decline in the cost of deployment
  - Collaborative arrangements
  - Phased-deployment approach
  - Demonstration that initiatives can also include ancillary benefits (environmental, capacity needs, etc.)
- **Codes & Standards**
  - Engagement with various constituents to coordinate efforts (NIST, FERC, EPRI, etc.)
  - Avoid proprietary architecture technologies
  - Consider future potential applications
- **Current Credit Conundrum**
  - Need to retain economic health of utilities
  - Need timely return on O&M spent and capital investments
  - Creative alternative cost recovery models